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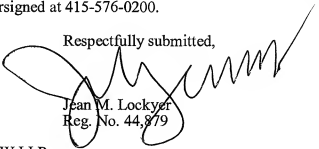
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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed January 8, 2009, enclosed herewith is the section "**Amendments to the Claims**" with the status of claim 32 now indicated as being "withdrawn" rather than "withdrawn-previously presented". The **Amendments to the Claims** section begins on page 2 of this paper.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

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